



*In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least  
of these my Brethren, ye have done it unto me. St. Matt. XXV. v. 40.*

## An Account of the Rise, Progress and State of the LONDON-HOSPITAL, or INFIRMARY; Supported by CHARITABLE and VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTION, for the Relief of all Sick and Diseased Persons, and in particular MANUFACTURERS, SEAMEN in MERCHANT-SERVICE, and their WIVES and CHILDREN; from the First INSTITUTION on the 3d of November, 1740, to the 17th of March, 1747-8, inclusive.

**M**ANY benevolent and publick-spirited Noblemen, Clergymen, Gentlemen, Merchants, and others, having raised by publick Subscription, a LONDON-HOSPITAL, or INFIRMARY, where all Sick and Diseased Persons, especially British Sailors in the Merchant-Service, their Wives and Children, and poor British Manufacturers, their Wives and Children, are daily admitted, and find Relief in Distress by Sickness or Casualties; and this without any Difficulty or Expence of Admittance:

A proper House was taken in Prescot-street, Goodman's-Fields, as being near the usual Abodes of Manufacturers and Seafaring Men in the Merchant-Service, and at a considerable Distance from any other Hospital. And by the great Encouragement this Charity has received, the Governors have been enabled to add three adjacent Houses, besides a large Out-House, which are compleatly fitted for the Reception of Patients.

The Society for carrying on this laudable Undertaking consists of a President, two Vice-Presidents, and a Treasurer, annually elected out of the most considerable Benefactors to this Charity, and of such Persons who by giving a Benefaction of Thirty Guineas or more at one Time, become Governors for Life; and those who subscribe five Guineas or more a Year, Governors during such Subscription.

A General Court of Governors is held four times a Year; in the Months of March, June, September, and December, to take the Report of the Committees, elect a House-Committee for the ensuing Quarter, inspect Accounts, and transact such other Business as may then be laid before them. And at the General Court in March, the President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, are chosen. The Anniversary Feast of this Charity is held between the 18th of March and the last Day of April, when a General State of the Hospital, the Number of Patients receiv'd and discharg'd, and an Abstract of the Accounts for the Year past, is laid before them, and printed for the Satisfaction of the Publick.

A House Committee of thirteen Governors is appointed at every General Quarterly Court, who at their first Meeting elect a Chairman to preside for the Quarter. Four of the Committee take the first Month, Four the next, and Four the last Month of the said Quarter. This Committee meets every Tuesday at 11 o'Clock in the Forenoon, at the Hospital, to Receive and Dismiss all Patients, to Order and Inspect the Diet and Provisions, and all Goods sent in by the several Tradesmen, for the Use of the Hospital, and see that they are Cheap, and Good of the kind; to order any Conveniences that may from Time to Time be wanting, and to Examine and Regulate the Conduct of the Servants and Patients of the House. All Governors that please to attend, have a Vote in this Committee.

A Committee of Accounts, consisting of twelve Governors, is appointed at the General Quarterly Court in June, for one Year, who meet at the Hospital once a Quarter, to Receive, Examine, and Audit Tradesmen's Bills, which are constantly paid by the Treasurer within a Fortnight after; which Accounts are kept in a Regular Mercantile Manner, and ready at any Time for the Inspection of the Governors.

A Physical Committee, consisting of twelve Governors, is appointed at every General Quarterly Court, out of the Physicians, Surgeons, Apothecaries, Druggists, and Chemists of this Hospital, who meet once a Month, or oftner as Occasion requires, to Examine the Medicines and Drugs brought into the Dispensary, and none are suffered to be used without their Approbation.

Two Governors are appointed Visitors by the House Committee, for one Fortnight, to attend every Thursday and Saturday, and at such other Times as they think proper, to inspect into the Management and Conduct of the House, during the Interval of the Meetings of the House Committee.

Three Physicians attend alternately, a Surgeon in Ordinary daily, and an Assistant Surgeon occasionally, from Eleven o'Clock till One, without Fee or Reward, and give their Advice and Assistance to all such Objects as come within those Hours, whether Recommended or Accidental. Two Surgeons Extraordinary, attend in Consultation, in all dangerous and extraordinary Cases.

An Apothecary constantly resides at the Hospital, who Compounds and Dispenses all Medicines used there, and solely attends the Business thereof.

A Clergyman of the Church of England reads Prayers, and performs the other Duties of his Function, at the Hospital.

A Steward, a grave, sober Man, who gives Security for his Integrity, has the Charge of the House and Furniture, keeps an Account of every Thing brought to or expended in the House, and subjects the same to the daily Examination of the Visitors, and House-Committee, and has the Inspection likewise of the Conduct of all the Men-Servants. Two Matrons, Matrons, have the Direction of the Nurseries and other Women-Servants, and see the Diet and Medicines administered according to Order. Under them, are Nurses, and Watchers, in Proportion to the Number of Patients, of experienced Honesty and Tenderness, who are guided by written Orders to prevent any Misconduct. Proper Diet for the Patients has been settled by the Gentlemen of the Faculty engaged in this Charity, and is fixed up in the Wards for the Satisfaction of the Patients and their Friends.

No Officers or Servants are permitted upon Pain of Expulsion to take of any Tradesmen, Patients, or other Persons, any Fee, Reward or Gratuity of any kind, directly or indirectly, for any Service done, or to be done, on Account of this Hospital.

Every Governor is intitled to send one In-Patient at a Time, and Out-Patients without Limitation. Subscribers of smaller Sums may likewise send what Number of Out-Patients they please. All Subscriptions are during Pleasure, and any small Sums from well-disposed Persons will be thankfully received and acknowledged; but in order to carry on this Undertaking, all Persons are desired to pay their Subscription at the Time of Subscribing.

All Poor, Sick, and Lame, recommended as In-Patients, are received at any Hour, and are supply'd with Advice, Medicine, Diet, Washing, Lodging, and every comfortable Assistance during their Cure, and all Out-Patients have Advice and Medicines administered from Eleven till One. No Persons with incurable or infectious Distempers, or of known Ability to pay for their Cures, are admitted to partake of this Charity.

All Accidents, whether recommended or not, are received at any Hour of the Day or Night.

The Patients are received without any Expence at their Admission (except in Venereal Cases which require Salivation) nor is any Security required against future Contingencies, they being, in case of Death, buried at the Expence of the Charity, if not removed by their Friends.

This is the Plan of our Proceedings, and tho' this Work is but in its Infancy, yet such has been the extraordinary Encouragement given to it, by Numbers of Distinguished Humanity, that we have the Satisfaction to assure the Publick, that since the 3d of November, 1740, it has pleased God to bless us with such Success, that more than 30,000 distressed Objects have been Relieved at the London-Hospital, or Infirmary; and from Labouring under the Oppression of some of the most malignant Diseases, and unhappy Accidents, have been reinstated in their Honest and Industrious Capacities of Working, whereby the Publick again enjoy the Benefit of their Labour, and they, and their poor Families, are preserved from perishing, and prevented from being a constant Incumbrance to the Community.

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The Subscribers are desired to take Notice, that if any Patients do not conform to the Rules of the House, or are guilty of any Misbehaviour, they will be discharged, and never more relieved by this Charity.

The admitting of In-Patients troubled with Asthmatic and Consumptive Disorders having been found greatly prejudicial to themselves, all Governors are desired not to recommend any such as In-Patients; they being more capable of Relief as Out-Patients.

Such Persons therefore as are inclined to encourage and promote so laudable a Work, are desired to send their Subscriptions or Benefactions to Messrs. Minors and Boldero, Bankers in Lombard-Street, who will give proper Receipts for the same. And any Person inclined by his last Will to bequeath a Legacy to this Charity, is desired to do it in the following Manner, viz.

Item, I give and bequeath unto A. B. and C. D. the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Form to be upon Trust, and to the Intent that they, or one of them, do pay the same to the Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being, of the Society Legacy of the Governors of the London-Hospital, or Infirmary, for the Relief of all Sick and Diseased Persons, and in particular, Manufacturers, Seamen in Merchant-Service, their Wives and Children; which said I desire may be applied towards carrying on the Sum of the charitable Designs of the said Society.

## An ACCOUNT of Receipts and Payments by George Jennings, Esq; Treasurer of the LONDON-HOSPITAL, OR INFIRMARY; from the 16th of March, 1746-7, to the 17th of March, 1747-8.

Money Received.		Debtor.	Money Expended.		Creditor.
To Balance of last Year's Account	—	121 4 10	By House-keeping for Provisions, &c. viz. Butcher, Baker, Brewer, Cheefemonger, Milk, Firing, Candles, Soap and Oil, Grocery and Money-Diet	—	1354 2 2
To Benefactions	—	2414 17 3	By Household Furniture and Linnen	—	151 5 5
To Benefactions on Account of an Intended Building of the London-Hospital, or Infirmary	—	94 10 0	By House-Rent and Taxes	—	73 14 5
To Governors Subscriptions	—	924 0 0	By Salaries, Wages and Gratuities	—	314 7 4
To other Subscriptions	—	146 0 6	By Stationary Wares and Printing	—	129 9 6
To Pious Box	—	47 13 7	By Petty Expenses	—	88 7 6
To Interest Money, viz.			By the Dispensary, for Drugs, Medicines, &c.	—	461 14 11
One Year's Interest on 1100 l. Bank Stock, to Michaelmas, 1747, in the Names of Fotherley Baker and Richard Chifwell, jun. Esqs.	55 0 0		By Burials	—	30 6 6
One Year's Interest on 1000 l. East-India Stock, to Christmas, 1747, in the Names of Ditto	80 0 0				£ 2603 7 9
One Year's Interest on 3000 l. Three per Cent. 1743, to Christmas, 1747, in the Names of Ditto	90 0 0		Extraordinaries		
Half a Year's Interest on 500 l. Three per Cent. 1743 to Midsummer 1747, in the Names of John Daye, John Jesse, and William Myre, Esqs.	7 10 0		Finishing the Rebuilding the Back Premises, completing the Cold-Bath, and fitting up an Elaboratory	201 18 0	
Half a Year's Interest on 700 l. Three per Cent. 1743, to Christmas, 1747, in the Names of Ditto	10 10 0		Repairs	204 2 0	
To the Collection at the Church, and at Merchant-Taylor's-hall, on the last Anniversary, held the 31st of March, 1747		243 0 0			406 0 0
		248 8 6	By Cash paid out of the Benefactions to Fotherley Baker and Richard Chifwell, jun. Esqs. to lay out in the Public Funds, for the Benefit of the London-Hospital, or Infirmary	290 16 6	
		£ 4239 14 8	By Benefactions on Account of the Intended Building, paid into the Hands of the Lord Bishop of Worcester, and others, to lay out in the Funds,	94 10 0	
			By Interest on Three per Cent. Annuities, 1743, standing in the Names of John Daye, John Jesse and William Myre, Esqs. as received on the other side, paid to the Bp. of Worcester and others	18 0 0	
					401 6 6
					3412 14 3
					827 0 5
					£ 4239 14 8

Fotherley Baker, Richard Chifwell, junior, Peter Muilman, Libert Dorrien, Peter Thomas and Daniel Booth, junior, Esqs. Trustees to the LONDON-HOSPITAL, OR INFIRMARY.

Debtor.	1747.	Contra, Creditor.	
To the Balance of last Year's Account	137 18 6	May 13. By 500 l. Three per Cent. Annuities, in the Names of Fotherley Baker and Richard Chifwell, jun. Esqs.	428 15 0
To Cash out of the Article of Benefactions to be laid out in the Public Funds for the Use of the Charity	290 16 6		£ 428 15 0
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The Right Rev. Isaac Lord Bishop of Worcester, John Peck, Joseph Fawthrop, John Snee, John Daye, John Jesse, William Myre, William Petty, Esqs. the Rev. Mr. Callamy, and Mr. Thomas Rayner, Trustees for an Intended Building of the LONDON-HOSPITAL, OR INFIRMARY.

Debtor.	1747.	Contra, Creditor.		
To the Balance of the last Year's Account	62 12 6	Dec. 9. By 200 l. Three per Cent. Annuities, 1743, in the Names of John Daye, John Jesse and William Myre, Esqs.	164 0 0	
To Benefactions to the said Intended Building	94 10 0		Balance	11 2 6
To Half a Year's Dividend on 500 l. Three per Cent. Annuities, 1743, due at Midsummer last, in the Names of John Daye, John Jesse, and William Myre, Esqs.	7 10 0			£ 175 2 6
To Half a Year's Dividend on 700 l. Three per Cent. Annuities, 1743, to Christmas, 1747, in the Names of Ditto	10 10 0			
	£ 175 2 6			

## A General Abstract of Receipts and Payments from the First Institution of this HOSPITAL, viz. From the 3d of November, 1740, to the 17th of March, 1747-8.

Receipts.	Payments.	
Receipts from Nov. 3, 1740, to Jan. 1, 1741, by Fotherley Baker, Esq; — 298 14 6	By Cash disbursed by Fotherley Baker, Esq; from Nov. 3, 1740, to Jan. 1, 1741 — 206 5 6	
Ditto from Jan. 1, 1741, to March 25, 1743, by Thomas Boehm, Esq; — 1139 4 8	By ditto by Thomas Boehm, Esq; from Jan. 1, 1741, to March 25, 1743, — 1146 6	
Ditto from March 25, 1743, to March 25, 1744, by Richard Chifwell, jun. Esq; — 2285 4 4	By ditto by Richard Chifwell, jun. Esq; from March 25, 1743, to March 25, 1744 — 1236 1 4	
Ditto from March 25, 1744, to March 25, 1745, by Ditto — 2360 10 6	By ditto by Richard Chifwell, jun. Esq; from March 25, 1744, to March 25, 1745 — 1359 13 6	
Ditto from March 25, 1745, to March 6, 1745-6, by Joseph Fawthrop, Esq; — 2858 3 2	By ditto by Joseph Fawthrop, Esq; from March 25, 1745, to March 6, 1745-6, — 2094 17 8	
Ditto from March 6, 1745-6, to March 16, 1746-7, by Peter Ducane, Esq; — 6028 5 10	By ditto by Peter Ducane, Esq; from March 6, 1745-6, to March 16, 1746-7, — 2668 13 10	
Ditto from March 16, 1746-7, to March 17, 1747-8, by Geo. Jennings, Esq; — 4118 9 10	By ditto by Geo. Jennings, Esq; from March 16, 1746-7, to March 17, 1747-8, — 3009 7 9	
	11721 5 11	
£ 19088 12 10	Balance	7367 6 11
		£ 19088 12 10

The Particulars of which Balance are,

Cash in the Hands of George Jennings, Esq; Treasurer,	827 0 5
Ditto in the Hands of the Lord Bishop of Worcester and others	11 2 6
1100 l. Bank Stock, in the Names of Fotherley Baker, Richard Chifwell, jun. Peter Muilman, Libert Dorrien, Peter Thomas, and Daniel Booth, jun. Esqs;	1396 11 6
1000 l. East-India Stock in the Names of Ditto	1770 0 0
3000 l. Three per Cent. Annuities, 1743, in the Names of Ditto	2783 0 0
700 l. Three per Cent. Annuities, 1743, in the Names of J. Daye, J. Jesse, and W. Myre, Esqs.	579 12 6
5800	
Total Balance of the General Account.	£ 7367 6 11

## An ACCOUNT of Patients under the Care of the LONDON-HOSPITAL, OR INFIRMARY, from the 16th of March, 1746-7, to the 17th of March, 1747-8.

Patients received into the House	1038	Patients now in the House	97
Out-Patients	6260	Out-Patients now on the Books	1012
	7298	In-Patients discharged cured	1109
N.B. Out of the above, were Casualties consisting of Fractures, Dislocations, Burns, Scalds, and Wounds, received into the House without any Recommendation	160	Incurable	727
Ditto, as Out-Patients	331	Relieved	15
		Dead	84
		Discharged for Misbehaviour	99
			16
		Out-Patients cured who return'd Thanks	941
		Discharged who did not return Thanks, tho' most of them known to be cured	2868
		Relieved	1698
		Dead	402
		Misbehaviour	81
		Incurable	110
			89
			5248

Besides 982 not made Patients, but relieved by Physick and Bleeding, and all that were advised



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BENEFACTIONS receiv'd from unknown Hands from March 16, 1746-7, to the 17th of March, 1747-8.					
March 27. A Person unknown, by Mr. Edward Patten	5	5	0	May 13. A Person unknown by Rich. Chiswell, jun. Esq;	2 2 0
April 1. Ditto, by Mr. Thomas Vigne	—	1	1 0	26. Ditto, by J. H.	— 5 5 0
Ditto, by Mr. John Leapidge	—	2	2 0	June 23. S. A. by Fotherley Baker, Esq;	— 20 0 0
Ditto — — —	—	1	1 0	July 17. A Person unknown	— 5 5 0
Ditto — — —	—	0	10 6	Sept. 15. Ditto, by Dr. Benson	— 5 5 0
Three Persons unknown	—	1	0 6	Nov. 25. Ditto, by Peter Muilman, Esq;	— 21 0 0
A Person unknown	—	1	1 0	Ditto, by Mr. James Vere	— 5 5 0
Several Gentlemen unknown	—	20	9 6	Dec. 9. Ditto, by Mr. Harrison	— 2 2 0
A Person unknown	—	2	2 0	29. Ditto, from Canterbury.	— 1 1 0
3. T. B. by Mr. Henry Norris	—	2	2 0		
6. A, B, C, D.	—	64	0 3		
May 6. A. T.	—	5	5 0		£ 173 4 9

Extraordinary BENEFACTIONS.					
April 1. Moses Mendes de Costa, Esq;	—	7	7 0	Febr. 4. Sir Richard Hoare, Knt. and Ald. part of	100 0 0
John Hopkins, Esq;	—	20	0 0	the Residue of the Guild-Hall Subscription	
Sir James Lowther, Bart.	—	50	0 0	Mr. Richard Stapell towards the intended	21 0 0
Gerrard Vanneck, Esq;	—	100	0 0	Building	
May 12. Sir William Calvert, Knt. and Alderman	—	50	0 0		
Jan. 29. Thomas Revell, Esq;	—	40	0 0		£ 388 7 0

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